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Hi-vis jackets for a lo-vis election

Party leaders have been doing their utmost to avoid voters

Cameron and Miliband make final pitches

PM raises spectre of SNP-backed 'chaos' while Labour leader warns of 'Tory decade'

Netanyahu secures wafer-thin coalition

Jewish Home deal gives PM a one-seat majority as talks go to wire

VIDEO

Tail winds for turbine maker Vestas

Vestas, the Danish wind turbine maker, has beaten earnings expectations and is paying a dividend. Lex's Robert Armstrong and Alan Livsey discuss how Vestas came back from its near-death experience.



US HOMEPAGE

Buffett's Chinese fans make a pilgrimage

Audience — or selfie — with famed investor shows shift in capital flows

Share prices 'quite high', says Yellen

Fed boss cites risk of sharp jump in bond yields as rates rise

Crude jump speeds up bond sell-off

Oil near highest point this year, triggering inflation fears

EUROPE HOMEPAGE

Blackstone and KKR join race for GE unit

Offers for group's \$16bn private equity lending arm open this week

Zenefits raises \$500m for \$4bn valuation

Two-year-old human resources group is biggest single bet by Andreessen Horowitz

Rich London viewed with voter mistrust

Election raises the question of whether attitudes towards wealth and the wealthy are shifting

ASIA HOMEPAGE

Advisory firm attacks Dimon's cash bonus

JPMorgan investors urged to vote against chief's pay package

Hedge funds seek Puerto Rican Plan B

Creditors warn a debt restructuring will be messy

Tesla picks up on better performance

Demand is 'crazy' for new stationary batteries, says electric carmaker's chief

WORLD NEWS

Greece overturns civil service reforms

Workers whose jobs were cut as part of bailout deal to be rehired

EU plans to shake up digital market

Proposals set stage for battle between member states, US internet companies and content producers

Low productivity alarms US policy makers

Technological innovation is failing to kick-start economic growth

Gates pledges \$75m to probe child deaths

Microsoft founder calls Ebola 'wake-up call' highlighting need for monitoring

Merkel's office drawn into spy probe

The BND affair is beginning to dent public confidence in leader

COMPANIES NEWS

SoftBank averts implosion at Indian start-up

Housing.com chief retracts his resignation after 'frank' talks with group's biggest investor

Alibaba faces sceptical crowd

Palpable sense among analysts that Chinese ecommerce group's honeymoon is over

US biotech developer to float on Aim

Move reverses recent flow of European drug developers crossing Atlantic to raise money

Al Jazeera replaces US cable news chief

Appointment of Al Anstey follows lawsuit and executive exodus

Six weeks that shaped the election

Key moments in the build-up to the UK's tightest national poll in a generation

MARKETS

Dollar under pressure as oil keeps rising

Sell-off in government bonds continues

Case for indexing is weaker for bonds

Active managers often underperform but 'smart beta' could help investors stay ahead

Rising bond yields spark rush for exits

Investors pull money from bond ETFs at record pace

Traders wise to election play after 2010

Sterling has proved far more resilient during this campaign

Oil rebound tests its limits

Bulls in charge as Brent rises towards \$70 a barrel but longevity of rally in question

COMMENT

HSBC should seek its future in Hong Kong

British politicians may realise the UK cannot be complacent about its place in the world

What UK's next chancellor cannot know

Monetary policy and weak productivity have had more influence than the coalition's austerity plan

Unforeseen effects of Chinese medicine

China's new diplomacy is starting to look like soft power

Lebanon takes on its traffic problems

Unable to tackle the big issues, ministers are trying to improve citizens' lives in small ways

The strange silence of unionist Scotland

After the election, unionism must stand up for the preservation of the UK, writes John Lloyd

MANAGEMENT

Women in eastern Europe lead the way

Female representation in high-ranking jobs is better in the region, with some notable exceptions

Citi investors join the war on lobbying

Owners of companies can be an effective check on undue political influence

Review: 'Connection Culture'

Making the case for workplaces in which people thrive

Fiat beeps at 'powerless' analysts

Earnings call gets existential: 'You direct the flow of capital. Own the responsibility, Max'



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